[Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai.]

for is to meet the cost of construction of those sheds. They are so designed and constructed that they can be converted into permanent structures when funds permit. I request that the supplementary grant may be sanctioned.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 1,985 be granted for the construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XXII. FORESTS.

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 60,000 on account of additional expenditure under A—Conservancy and Works.

In order to get into proper alignment with the present lines of progressive development and future trends of scientific forest utilization a re-orientation of Forest policy and practice is essential and indispensable. The Forest Department being a quasi-commercial one, naturally the revenue should be proportionate to the expenditure to be incurred.

The year 1113 was a very favourable year from the revenue point of view. It could be said that it was a record figure when compared with the past 8 years. Naturally the expenditure has increased in proportion to the realisation of revenue.

There were several causes which tended to increase the expenditure under this item. In 1113 the monopoly on royalty was removed and the department was obliged to remove all the exploitable trees from Tract No. 2 in the State which involved additional expenditure of money. We have removed over two lakhs of cubic feet from an extensive area of about 2,500 square miles which cover this tract.

The second reason for the increase of expenditure was that we had to remove teak trees from 700 acres of land surrendered to the Edapalli Chief since the area fell in tract No. 2. The quantity of timber removed was about 1,70,000 cubic feet. The expenditure was not fully provided for when the budget for 1114 was prepared.

The third reason is in connection with the extensive development in electric transmission and distribution and the extension of the Main Telephone Trunk Line. The department had to supply a large number of teak saplings to replace the iron posts which had been imported. It was possible to supply a very large number of saplings which necessitated an expenditure of Rs. 11,500 against Rs. 3,000 budgetted for.

As per the requisitions of the Director of Development large quantities of timber had to be supplied for demonstration of engineering designs and competitive structures of Ascu treated timbers. These works could not be provided for in the budget and therefore have necessitated additional expenditure over the budget provision.

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Thus it will be clear to the Honourable Members of this House that the department had to take up large number of works which necessitated additional expenditure which was not thought of when the budget was prepared. The expenditure till the end of Medom is over Rs. 3,43,000 against the budget allotment of Rs. 4,68,300 which leaves behind only about Rs. 1,25,300 for the rest of the year. We have to run three more months. The major quantity of timber has to be delivered and we have to take advantage of the floods in the rivers and supply the softwood timbers to several companies. It will thus be clear from the figures that the demand asked for is the minimum amount required. I may also assure the Honourable Members that the amounts which I have asked for will be well spent and profitably utilised in increasing the revenue of the State. For these reasons I request the Honourable Members to be pleased to sanction the money asked for.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): In the light of the explanation given by the Conservator, I would like to know whether the amount now demanded has been already spent?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: The amount has not been spent.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: But the member has been telling us that the additional expenditure has been incurred.

PRESIDENT: I suppose he meant that certain additional expenditure has been incurred and with the budget figures the operation of the Department could not be carried out till the end of the year and hence this additional demand.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ തുക ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ചില വുചെയ്യേണ്ട ഇനമാണോ അതല്ലാ ചിലവു ചെയ്യ ഇനമാണോ?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: ചിലവായിക്കഴിഞ്ഞതല്ല. ചിലവാക്കാനുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ അരുപത്താറായിരം രൂപയും ചിലവാക്കേണ്ടതാണോ?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: അതെ.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 60,000 under Demand XXII--Forests, on account of additional expenditure under Conservancy and Works.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

XXIV. STAMPS.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 600 under Stamps. Since the passing of the budget for 1114 the question of improving the design of the stamps and stamp papers was engaging the attention of Government and Government finally decided to issue an improved design in stamps and stamp papers. Accordingly plants

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